

Amendments

In the specification:

Please delete sequence listing pages 1-17 of the translation of the specification filed herewith, which constitute a translation of the sequence listing, and substitute therefore new pages 1-11 appended hereto, which constitute a substitute Sequence Listing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

A' -- The collectins that have been identified heretofore include mannan-binding protein (MBP, SEQ ID NO: 30), surfactant protein A (SP-A, SEQ ID NO: 31), surfactant protein D (SP-D, SEQ ID NOS: 32), conglutinin and the like. These collectins are known to be constituted from basic structures (Fig. 1) comprising unique regions of: (1) Ca^{2+} -dependent carbohydrate recognition domain (CRD), and (2) collagen-like region [Malhortra *et al.*, *Eur. J. Immunol.* Vol. 22, 1437-1445, 1992], and a subunit may be formed from the three basic structures through making a triple helix in the collagen-like region, besides, such subunits may form an oligomer, e.g. trimer, tetramer and hexamer.--

Please replace the paragraphs at page 3, lines 16-27, with the following amended paragraphs:

A² -- Figure 2 shows the alignment of the preceding half portions of amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NOS: 30-32) of three collectins reported heretofore;

Figure 3 shows the alignment of the latter half portions of the amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NOS: 30-32) in Figure 2;

Figure 4 shows each of the primers used for sequencing the novel collectin of the present invention, and the nucleotide sequences which were read out from the sequencer (b); and an ORF of the obtained novel collectin (a);

Figure 5 shows the alignment of the preceding half portions of amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NOS: 30-32) of the three collectins reported heretofore and the novel collectin of the present invention (SEQ ID NO: 2, residues 206-547);

Figure 6 shows the alignment of the latter half portions of the amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NOS: 2 and 30-32) in Figure 5;--